

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 0544MH-36339

In re Application of:

CHERNEFF ET AL.

Serial No. 09/684,076

Filed: 08 OCTOBER 2000

For: **SYSTEM FOR SCHEDULING PRODUCT PLANNING**



Examiner:

JOHNNA R. LOFTIS

Art Unit: 3623

Confirmation No.: 2872

TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

Please file the following enclosed documents in the subject application:

1. This Transmittal with Certificate of Mailing;
 2. Statement of the Substance of the Interview, in response to Interview Summary Form dated 6 July 2006; and
 3. Our return postcard which we would appreciate you date stamping and returning to us.

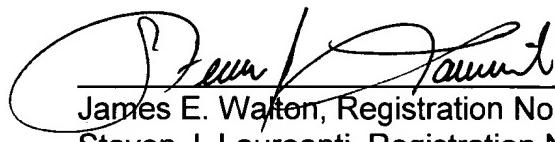
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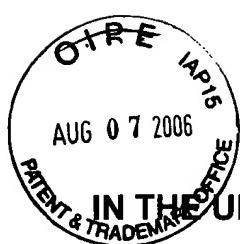
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir/Madam:

An Interview Summary Form in the subject Application was mailed to the undersigned on 6 July 2006, which provides for a response period ending 6 August 2006. This Statement of the Substance of the Interview is being filed prior to the ending of the response period 6 August 2006.

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REMARKS:

An Interview Summary Form in the subject Application was mailed to the undersigned on 6 July 2006, in response to telephonic interviews, conducted on 20 June 2006 and 21 June 2006, between the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti and Examiner Johnna R. Loftis. The Interview Summary Form indicates that the substance of the telephonic interviews conducted on 20 June 2006 and 21 June 2006 must be included in the formal written reply to the last Office Action. (See MPEP Section 713.04). The Interview Summary Form further indicates that if a reply to the last Office Action has already been filed, Applicant is given one month from this interview date, or the mailing date of this Interview Summary Form (6 July 2006), whichever is later, to file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

Examiner Loftis telephoned the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, on 20 June 2006 to conduct a telephone interview on the subject Application. During the telephone interview on 20 June 2006, Examiner Loftis asserted that dependent claims 11, 24, and 39 which depend from independent claims 2, 4, and 32 respectively, contained allowable subject matter. Examiner Loftis proposed using an Examiner's Amendment to incorporate claim 11, 24, and 39 limitations into their respective independent claims. Examiner Loftis emailed the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, on 20 June 2006 with a proposed Examiner's Amendment. Although the Applicants believe claims 2, 4-30, and 32-45 are directed to patentable subject matter without amendment, the Applicants accepted the proposed Examiner's Amendment on 21 June 2006 to expedite the prosecution of the subject Application and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. In addition, the Applicants also amended dependent claims 9, 22, and 37 to correct an antecedent basis issue further raised by the Examiner. By making these amendments, the Applicants do not indicate agreement with or acquiescence to the Examiner's position with respect to the rejections of these claims, as set forth in the previous Office Action.

The Applicants reiterate here the substance of the interview as provided in the Communication to the Examiner transmitted on 6 July 2006:

Mr. Laureanti agreed to incorporate the monitoring feature of claim 11 into claim 2 as well as incorporate the same feature into claims 4 and 32 from claims 24 and 39 respectively. Examiner agreed to complete an examiners answer for expedited allowance of claims 2, 4-10, 12-23, 25-30, 32-38, and 40-45. In addition [an] antecedent basis correction was discussed for claims 9, 22, and 37.

The Applicants are submitting this Statement of the Substance of the Interview prior to the ending of the response period 6 August 2006.

CONCLUSION:

No fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

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